

July 13, 2011

Ms. Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12th Street SW  
Washington, DC 20554

Re: Comment Deadlines Established Regarding the LightSquared Technical Working Group Report, IB  
Docket No. 11-109


Dear Ms. Dortch:

I am very concerned that my community may no longer have the opportunity to utilize the technological advancements enjoyed by the majority of the United States, if the LightSquared initiative does not receive support. The LightSquared initiative plans to bring high-speed internet coverage to 260 million Americans and rural communities like mine cannot be left out.

LightSquared, a broadband wireless company planning to introduce next-generation wireless service with a satellite backup system across the country, can provide rural communities with the tools we need to be successful so our communities can thrive in ways enjoyed in urban environments. Not only will LightSquared's proposed \$14 billion investment in a nationwide network serve our community by bringing state-of-the-art high-speed wireless capacity to at least 92% of the country over the next several years, it will also employ thousands of workers in these times of economic distress.

This effort is of utmost importance to me because as a board member of our rural nursing home, a rural resident who works from home and grandmother of rural school students, I understand the importance of maintaining the peaceful coexistence and delicate balance between rural living and technological innovation. I know how important the GPS industry is to the rural community and I know that LightSquared has been more than willing to accommodate our needs while simultaneously serving our community with technological innovation in an information age. I am confident that the FCC will work efficiently in cooperation with LightSquared to grant our community services equivalent to that of our urban counterparts. The sooner the FCC, LightSquared and the GPS industry can come to a resolution on this important issue, the sooner we can enjoy the advancements available to us.

Sincerely,

  
Sandra Gibson

Richland Care Center, Board Member